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INFORMAL MINUTES OF MEETING OF DIRECTOR AND CONSULTANTS,
INTERDEPARTMENTAL FOREIGN INFORMATION ORGANIZATION, ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, at 4:00 p.m. in OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

PRESENT: Department of State: Mr. Barrett, Director
Mr. Stone, Executive Secretary
Mr. Bohlen
Mr. Phillips
Mr. Hulten
Mr. Fisher
Department of Defense: General Magruder
Joint Chiefs of Staff: Admiral Stevens
Department of the Army: General McClure
Central Intelligence Agency: Mr. Wisner
National Security Resources Board: Mr. Sheppard
Economic Cooperation Administration: Mr. Berding

At Mr. Barrett's request, item II on the agenda --
Emergency Plan for Psychological Offensive against the USSR --
was taken up first, with general discussion on both organizational
and content sections of the Plan.

With respect to organization, questions were raised
regarding the recommended assignment of action responsibilities
for execution of the Plan, particularly the distribution of
planning papers within the Government and the advisability
of including reference to covert activities in papers given
wide distribution. It was agreed that recommended procedures
will be considered more fully at the next meeting.

With respect to content sections of the Plan, general
comment and suggestions were directed to the statement of
psychological objectives, tasks and themes. It was agreed
that as a rule plans in this category need not be held up
until "perfection" had been achieved, but that they could
be approved subject to continuing review. Mr. Barrett asked
that detailed comments be submitted in writing if possible
before the next meeting. It was agreed to schedule a special
meeting for the consideration of the Russian Plan on Friday,
January 12 at 2:30.

With regard to the China Plan -- item I on the agenda --
Mr. McCracken Fisher, steering member of the working group,
asked for comments and advice on the scope of the Plan. After
brief discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Fisher would circulate
a paper raising further specific questions and that the first
fifteen minutes of the special meeting on Friday would be
devoted to the China Plan.

Mr. Barrett reported that he had discussed "Project
Brainwave" with the other interested agencies and that he
would make a progress report at the next regular meeting.

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